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In re Application: Vanderlaan et al.

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Hydrophilic Coatings

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the application, prior to calculation of the fee, kindly cancel claims 1-26.

Respectfully submitted,

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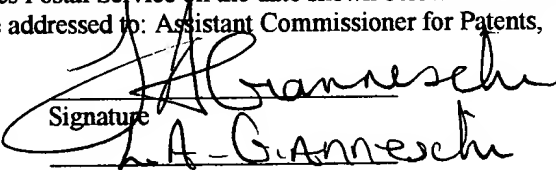

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